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GERMAN CRUISERS CUT UP

Two Limp Into Hongkong Badly Battered By Shells Of Enemy
Britain Lands More Forces On Continent; Battle Is In Progress
KAISER, LEAVING FOR THE FRONT, DECLARES VICTORY WILL BE WON

IMPORTANT MOVEMENT OF WARRING TROOPS AS TOLD IN TODAY'S NEWS

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PARIS, France, Aug. 18.—General Joffre, the French commander-in-chief, has telegraphed to the French war office: "All Monday we continued to advance in Upper Alsace. The enemy's retreat is disordered. They abandoned their stores and their wounded."

LONDON, Eng., Aug. 18.—The serious engagement along the entire Alsace-Lorraine border, through Luxemburg and in Belgium has been progressing ever since Monday, there is good reason to believe.

LONDON, Eng., Aug. 18.—Reports received here this morning say that German cavalry patrols were sighted today north of Antwerp, Belgium. The entire civil guard in the district has been mobilized and the forts manned.

SHATTERED AND WITH SIDES BLOOD-STREAKED, CRUISERS SHOW HAVE BEEN IN BATTLE

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SHANGHAI, China, August 18.—The two disabled cruisers which entered Hongkong last Thursday were German war-vessels. Their superstructure, turrets and barbettes were demolished, their funnels and masts shot away. The sides of the ships were streaked with blood that had run from the scuppers.

The news of the arrival of two badly-battered war-vessels in Hongkong was published in the Honolulu papers last Friday. At that time their identity was not known. It was believed then that they were the British warships Minotaur and Hampshire or the French warships Duplex and Montcalm. The cable reports last Thursday night stated that it was reported in Shanghai that the ships had been in an engagement with the German cruisers Behnhorst and Gneisenau. The report today that the vessels are Germans gives rise to the possibility that they are the Behnhorst and Gneisenau. It is evident that they have been in a deadly engagement with hostile ships.

Kaiser Proclaims His Confidence

[Associated Press service by Federal Wireless.]

BERLIN, Germany, August 18.—Before leaving for the front, Kaiser Wilhelm issued an imperial proclamation in which he said: "I am firmly confident that with the help of God, the bravery of our army and navy and the unquenchable unanimity of the German people, victory will crown our cause."

Serbs Claim Important Victory

NISH, Serbia, August 18.—It is officially stated here that the Serbian forces on the border have defeated a strong Austrian detachment disastrously. The Austrians are declared to have lost 14,000 in killed and wounded and 14 cannon. The victorious Serbians are pursuing them.

LEIPZIG AFOUL BRITISH BARK

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., August 18.—The German cruiser Leipzig, which came into port to coal, collided today with the British steel bark Lord Templetown, which was anchored in the stream. The yards of the bark carried away the wireless apparatus of the cruiser. The Templetown lost considerable running-gear. It is believed the cruiser damaged her bow.

BRITISH PRINCE TO FIGHT ABROAD

LONDON, Eng., August 18.—Prince Alexander, Queen Mary's brother, will shortly go into the foreign service, according to announcement here.

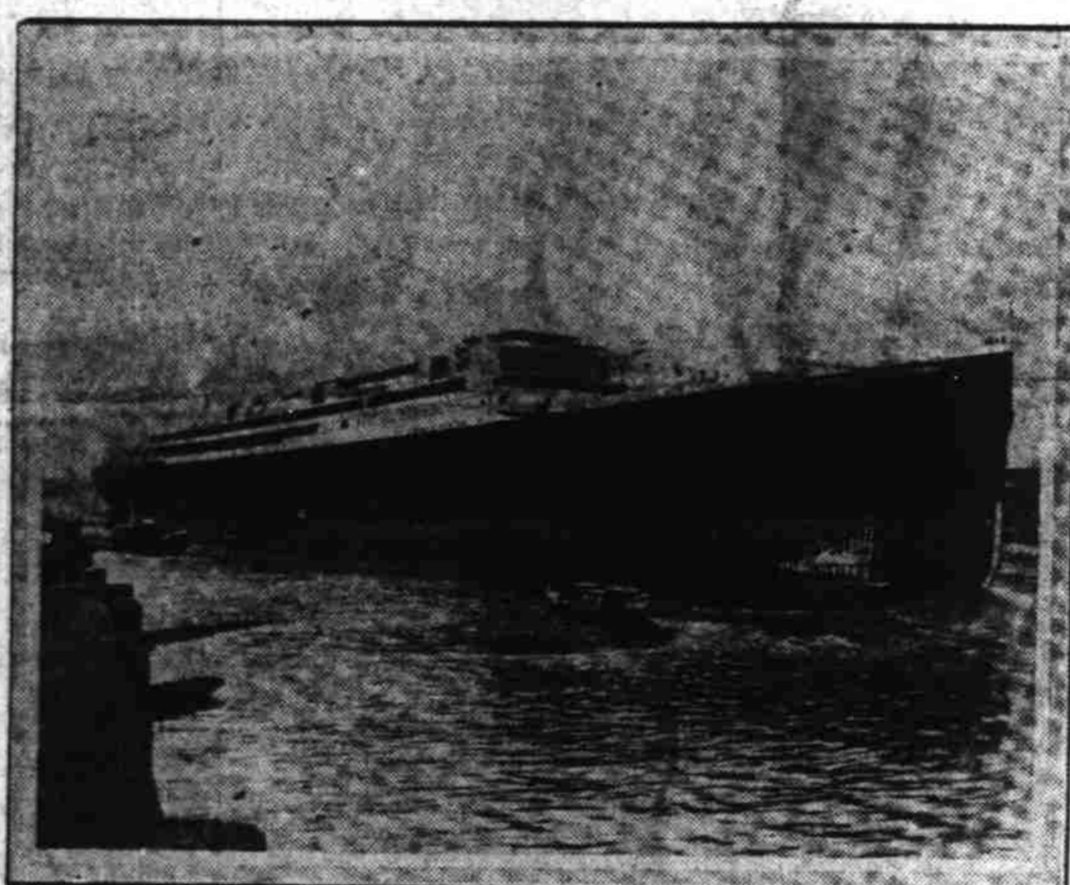
POPE'S CONDITION ALARMING

ROME, Italy, August 18.—The Pope has an attack of bronchitis. The presence of some fever and mental depression complicates his condition.

GERMANS SAFE IN JAPAN

TOKIO, Japan, August 18.—Baron Kato, Japanese minister of foreign affairs, has guaranteed that Japan will protect German subjects here in case of an outbreak of war between the two countries.

LARGEST VESSEL NOW AFLOAT!



The Bismarck, launched in the presence of the Kaiser, is the largest ship ever built. She is a sister to the Imperator and the Vaterland, but slightly exceeds those vessels in tonnage and is some three feet longer. Performing the naming ceremony, the girl Countess Hannah von Bismarck said: "By command of his Majesty the Kaiser, I name thee 'Bismarck'; but she did not throw the bottle of wine against the ship's bow with force sufficient to break it. At once, the German Emperor stepped forward, seized the cord, and dashed the bottle against the ship. It is anticipated that this vessel may be impressed into naval service.

War News Held Up by Censors and Congested Cables

Associated Press Explains Delay in the Dispatches

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—Advices to the Associated Press from London state that an increasingly rigid censorship is being imposed on all matter from Brussels. This increases the delay on such dispatches as are allowed to come through.

The French Cable Company, which, except those with terminals in the British islands, is the only direct line to Europe now in operation, has given notice that the congestion on its lines is such that all messages are subject to a minimum delay of 48 hours.

In an effort to avoid this delay, direct dispatches of the Associated Press from Paris are being routed through London, but the delay is also very great. Dispatches which left Paris early yesterday are being received with a delay of from 15 to 17 or more hours, and other Paris dispatches have suffered even greater delay in transmission.

There is absolutely no direct communication with Germany or Austria by any routing. A few censored despatches are coming through via London and these are re-censored for transmission out of England.

The Associated Press has been making every effort to communicate with Germany through the wireless companies operated from New York. On Sunday a message was sent to the Berlin bureau of the Associated Press and the wireless company notified us that it had been received in Germany, but since then only fragmentary signals have been exchanged over that system.

Inability to secure wireless communication with Germany since the cutting of the direct German cable at the outbreak of the war and the increasing rigor of London censorship still further obscures what has actually transpired within the military zone.

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General Manager of the Associated Press.

LEIPZIG RUSHES WEST; IDZUMO IN 'FRISCO TOMORROW

[Associated Press by Commercial Pacific Cable.]
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 18.—The Matson liner Wilhelm has sighted the German cruiser Leipzig, which has left the local harbor, 20 miles south-west of the Farallone islands and headed due west.
The Japanese consul-general says the Japanese cruiser Idzumo is due here tomorrow and may go into drydock.

PRESIDENT URGES AMERICANS SHOW NEUTRAL SPIRIT

Declares That Most Subtle Breach of Neutrality May Spring from Taking Sides

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless.]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 18.—President Wilson, in a statement issued today, adjures all Americans to "beware that deepest, most subtle and most essential breach of neutrality which may spring out of partisanship passionately taking sides."

MATT SULLIVAN NEW CALIFORNIA COURT JUSTICE

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless.]
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 18.—Matt I. Sullivan of San Francisco has been appointed to succeed Chief Justice Beatty of the state supreme court, who died a few days ago.

Judge Robinson has appointed Samuel Pomroy guardian of the three minor children of the late Walter Pomroy to serve under \$100 bond.

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PERSISTENT RUMOR THAT GERMAN CROWN PRINCE IS SERIOUSLY HURT IN BATTLE

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THE HAGUE, Netherland, August 18.—It is persistently rumored that Crown Prince Frederick William of Germany has been seriously wounded in battle and taken to Aix-la-Chapelle, Prussia. Paris believes that it was for Aix-la-Chapelle that the Kaiser left Berlin yesterday.

More British Land In France

[Associated Press service by Federal Wireless.]

LONDON, England, August 18.—British land forces, prepared for an expedition inland, were landed today safely on the French coast, the second large body of British troops reported on the continent ready to join with France in fighting Germany.

The composition of the force landed today is suppressed in accordance with Lord Kitchener's policy.

German Advance Declared Halted

LONDON, England, August 18.—The German advance on Brussels has been halted, according to news here today.

No definite news is available of the progress of the battle now believed to be raging along the Franco-German border. The official press bureau of the British government merely announces that there have been no British casualties.

SAYS AUSTRIAN TORPEDOER DISABLED

LONDON, England, August 18.—The Central News agency says that an Austrian torpedo-boat struck a mine off Pola, the Austrian naval base on the Adriatic Sea near the entrance of the Gulf of Venice. It is reported there was only one survivor.

RUSSIA NOW READY TO TAKE OFFENSIVE

LONDON, England, August 18.—Russia has notified Great Britain that mobilization of the great Russian forces has been completed.

Eleven members of the Russian imperial family are at the front. The czar went to Moscow last Wednesday.

WARRING POWERS WISH TO SUPPRESS NEWS

LONDON, England, August 18.—The war office has requested Belgium to expel all war correspondents. None are allowed with the French, British, Russian or German armies.

BELGIUM CAPITAL IN DANGER OF ATTACK

LONDON, Eng., Aug. 18.—Brussels is being put into a position to withstand a possible attack and the seat of Belgium government has been moved north to Antwerp, which is regarded as beyond the lines of the German invasion.

A Reuter's despatch from Brussels says that German cavalry in force has swung around the left wing of the Belgian defenses at Tirlemont and that a dash upon Brussels, some 25 miles distant from Tirlemont, is feared.

DECLARE JAPAN WILL TAKE KIAU CHAU

TOKIO, Japan, Aug. 18.—Following a meeting of the leaders of the Seiyukai party held last night to discuss the Japanese-German situation, one of those present quoted Premier Okuma as saying that Japan will not touch any German colony except Kiau Chau, the harbor of Tsingtau.